



SERIAL NO. 10/041,911

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	MANNING et al.	Examiner:	Foreman, J.
Serial No.:	10/041,911	Group Art Unit:	3736
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Title:	STEERABLE GUIDE CATHETER WITH PRE-SHAPED ROTATABLE SHAFT		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on April 24, 2006.

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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed January 24, 2006, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response, Applicant submits the present amendment and response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116. This response is filed together with a Request for Continued Examination.

Claims 1-15 and 24-54 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 24, 43-45, and 49-51 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 11 of this paper.